

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on March 29, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-66.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 6/11/06
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mary Jane Boswell on June 1, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing and linking a user's personal authentication credentials over a network, comprising the steps of:

registering the user with a secure network based system;

inputting the user's user profile;

creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user that resides on the system;

inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties into the personal database;

linking to one of the plurality of third parties by the user via the personal homepage and/or personal database;

retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials from the personal database on the system for the one of the plurality of third parties ~~by the system;~~ and

logging the user onto the one of the plurality of third party sites.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of creating business incentives during e-commerce comprising the steps of:

registering a user with a secure network based system;

inputting the user's user profile;

registering a third party as a participating merchant with the system;

creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user that resides on the system;

inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties, including at least one participating merchant, into the personal database;

linking to the at least one participating merchant by the user via the personal homepage and/or personal database;

retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate user profile and/or authentication credentials from the personal database on the system for the at least one participating merchant by the system;

logging the user onto the at least participating merchant;

purchasing a product by the user from the atleast one participating merchant;

and

receiving, by the system, compensation from the participating merchant.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of using a client-side application ~~on the personal homepage~~ that contains customized information for the user.

65. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

checking, by the system, the plurality of third party sites' requirements for user profile and/or authentication credentials to ensure that the system's database and/or the inputted user's user profile and/or authentication credentials for each of the plurality of third parties is accurate;

and if any of the plurality of third parties' required user profile and/or authentication credentials change, updating the system's database and/or user's user profile and/or authentication credentials for the changed third parties.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

It was not found to be taught in the prior art of registering the user with a secure network based system, inputting the user's user profile, creating a personal homepage and personal database for the user that resides on the system, inputting the user's authentication credentials for a plurality of third parties into the personal database, linking to one of the plurality of third parties by the user via the personal homepage

and/or personal database, retrieving and securely transmitting appropriate authentication credentials from the personal database on the system for the one of the plurality of third parties, and logging the user onto the one of plurality of third party sites.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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